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THE OLD TOWN.

There is something radically wrong, and most unfortunately so, in the early training and education of that boy and girl who can in mature life forget the good old town which gave them birth and all those associations of their childhood. The home town should prove the strong backing of every young man and every young woman who go out into the great big world to battle with the stern realities of life. Indeed the early home must prove all this if any substantial successes are to be attained. We have a profound pity and not a little disgust for that individual who, surrounded with whatever honors, can in any way forget the simple, unpretending country town of his youth. Among the many pleasant memories that come back to us as the years succeed each other is the town of our nativity. Aside from the family life so dear to us, there are the old roads and the by-paths across field and and pasture, and the mountains at distances made especially attractive by intervening lake and wood, and the old church "on the hill," with the school house near it, all of which we love as true and tried friends of our more youthful days.

So it is that we have always insisted that the children in our public schools should receive among their first lessons that love of home with such affectionate emphasis that it would give form and character to all their future. The Arlington of today is not only the prophecy of her boys and girls in all the years awaiting them, but if true to her mission she will be the fulfilment of those prophecies. Arlington is necessarily the background of that life picture which shall tell of every Arlington boy and girl a half century hence. So we say, never forget the old town.

THE BEST.

The very best is demanded of every man, woman and child, whatever in life may be his or her department of labor. The clergyman, for instance, who does not throw his whole soul into his sermon, will not likely get a telling hold upon his hearers. Mr. Moody had the philosophical right of the whole matter when he said that "the only way in which to properly heat the church was to have the pulpit on fire." Let the minister speak out of his own heart and brain, then will he be absolutely sure of his man. To successfully get at your man you must first get at yourself. To break down all cold, lifeless formality that one may so closely approach the individual that he can lay his hand on his shoulder, then the work will be accomplished. He counts for little or nothing, either in the pulpit or at the bar or in journalism, whose personality is not clearly seen back of and in his work. While the message is important, the messenger is still more so, for it is he who gives vitality to the written or spoken word. The hour simply filled or taken up in the pulpit is not enough. The space in the weekly newspaper may all show itself in clear, legible type, and then count for nothing. The clergyman and the lawyer and the journalist must have something to say and they must have the courage to say it. The difficulty is not with our audiences or with our readers, it is with us. Men and women are neither so stupid nor indifferent that they will sleep under a live sermon, or be caught napping over a live newspaper.

The public demand, and rightfully too, the best we have to give. Life gets life; so the live man will always find him or her alive who comes in closest touch to him. To rouse our fellow and get him out of bed, we need first of all to be up and dressed ourselves.

THOMAS STARR KING.

The Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D.D., has an interesting article in the Christian Register on the Rev. Thomas Starr King, for several years pastor of the Hollis street church, Boston, but during the last years of his life of San Francisco, California. Dying before reaching the age of forty, Star King had made himself a power, not only in the pulpit, but outside of the pulpit as well. It was he who saved California to the union in the dark days of the rebellion. His preaching of wonderful simplicity and power comes back to us after all these years as vividly as though it were but yesterday that we heard him in the Hollis street church. There are those here in Arlington of the older growth who knew him and loved him. Starr King had a striking resemblance to the late Rev. Mr. Smith who was formerly pastor of the Unitarian church here in Arlington. And by the way, a lady, formerly of Arlington but now of a neighboring town, who admired Mr. Smith as a pastor and a man, has promised to write at no late date some personal reminiscences of him for the Enterprise. We are sure that whatever our lady friend may have to say of Mr.

Smith will be of especial interest to our readers, for he was greatly beloved by all Arlington, and his memory is still dear to our people. This digression is pardonable, we are sure, as it relates to an Arlington clergyman whose life was consecrated to the good of his kind. But read the article to which we refer by Dr. Hale.

"WE CAN'T BREATHE."

The above was the whispered exclamation we heard on Friday evening of last week as we sat penned up in the vestry of the Unitarian church building listening to the pleasant entertainment given under the management of Mr. W. H. N. Francis. Why are we so indifferent and wickedly negligent to all that concerns these bodies of ours? With an ocean of God's pure air all about us, yet the American people build their houses of worship, their school houses and other public edifices without any intelligent thought of ventilation. What would one say were he compelled to satisfy his hunger from the breakfast that another had previously eaten? It should be remembered that the lungs are no more to be disregarded than is the stomach. Just for a moment think of breathing in the air that has been ejected or given out from the lungs of a good-sized audience! What a mixture of deadly poison! Air that has made its way from diseased lungs over decayed teeth and through lips that have been made foul by the cigarette, we are in the average crowded audience room compelled to breathe in, or otherwise die on the spot.

Every public building should be so ventilated that poisonous gases might readily escape, while pure invigorating air from the outside should find abundant admittance. We eat our "peck of dirt" without grumbling because we don't see it, and for the same reason we breathe in the vitiated air because it does not come to us in tangible form. As we have said so many times before, there can be no substantial health coming to either the individual or the community without the pure air, the clear bright sunshine and good drinking water. We have now in Arlington excellent drinking water, and thanks to the leafless trees we are now having the blessed sunshine, so that just at present our cry is for the introduction into all our public buildings in Arlington of a sufficient amount of God's invigorating and life-renewing ozone that no one may longer exclaim "we can't breathe."

NO APOLOGIES.

We have no apologies to offer that we so frequently write of our present public school system, with its high-pressure way of doing things. That something should be done to relieve this burdensome educational strain upon our children is acknowledged by every intelligent man and woman. President Eliot of Harvard university, and other leading educators, are hard at work in solving the educational problem.

Arlington has no interest that comes so near to her people as that of her children in school, and when every father and mother in the town shall be come fully alive to this fact then will there be a modification and letting up of our curriculum of studies. It seems a severe criticism to assert that many a parent sends his boy or girl to school feeling that it is a good riddance to the household to have quiet in the home for few hours of the day, little thinking, nor much caring, what the boy and girl are doing in school so long as "they are out of the way." When only thirteen of the mothers in Arlington will take the time to cast their votes in behalf of our schools, then we may feel sure that an educational revival is needed.

A member of our school board kindly asked us the other day if we would reproduce in part what we had to say two weeks ago at the teachers' association in Amesbury, and so it is that we have something to say of that educational gathering.

"We had the privilege of speaking for an hour before that intelligent body of Amesbury teachers upon the supervisory management of our public schools, their curriculum of studies, the marking system and other matters of interest pertaining to the education of the children. Some of the points we attempted to make were the following:

"That our school boards in all suburban districts should be composed of not more than three members, and each of these members should be fitted both by culture and by nature for his or her appointed work. That the teachers in our public schools should have a representative member from their own number, who would have a vote in all meetings of the committee room. That the teachers should be elected for such a number of years as instructors in the schools that they would feel they might vote at the meetings of the school board without risk of losing their positions. Then we tried to show that the grade or curriculum of studies should be made to fit the pupil, instead of attempting longer to make the pupil fit the grade. We insisted, try as much as we may, that we never can make over John, Henry and Mary, while we can make over the grade. We did not hesitate to declare that the present marking system in our schools is utterly devoid of good common sense. Just as though the teacher, under the direction of the school committee or school superintendent, could cipher out even to the fraction the value of God's infinite creation of mind. It is always a delight for us to make urelenting war upon this so-called ranking system, determined in part or largely by the daily marking of class recitations. We love nothing better than to come to the defence of those we term 'the dull boys and girls in school.' We are in-

THE CHRISTIAN EXTRA.

It was a cold, blustering night on Sunday, but there was a pretty good congregation in attendance at the people's service in the Baptist church. The chorus was in good force, and rendered the "Homeland" for their opening number. With such old favorites as "Italian Hymn," "Federal Street" and "Christmas," and such newer favorites as "Berthold" and "Alford" of course the congregational singing was good. Dr. Watson's theme was taken from the words in Matt. v. 47: "What do ye more than others?" The Christian Extra. He began by saying that one scholar had literally and skillfully translated the master's heart-searching question as "What do ye extra?" So Christianity is not a substitute but a supplement. Christ came not to destroy anything good, either in law, prophecy or human nature, but to "fulfill" it—that is, fill it full. Christianity is an abounding, a sort of brim-full measure of good. Man has opened his heart and God puts in extra capacity, power and fullness of love and life. Paul and Peter accord beautifully with the Lord. Paul when enumerating the things true, pure, just, lovely and of good report, and saying that "if there be any virtue (power) and if there be any praise (honor) think on these things, and these things do, and the God of peace shall be with you." Peter in his second epistle says, add to your faith virtue, then add knowledge, then temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity; for if these things be in you and abound you cannot be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The fact is, then, that Christianity is something more than anything we already have, and is that something more added to what we already have. And what natural good we already find in human nature only proves its capacity for more abundant good. We can find love, brotherhood, strong family affection and interest, and outgoings of the heart towards our fellow men wherever human nature is found. And these but prove capacity for ultimate fullness and perfection in these virtues. Christianity finds the divine spark in us that is the prophecy of full light, and finds the seed in us that promises the ripe harvest of holy character. It gives more than any other religion, therefore requires more than any other or be utterly discredited. Doubtless you could sum up all that is best in the Gentile world in two names: Socrates the European and Buddha the Asiatic. The moral teaching of Socrates might be summed up in four words: wisdom, courage, temperance and justice. Christianity looking upon it loves it all, yet utters its searching question: "What do ye extra?" Possibly the highest "natural goodness" of Asia was embodied in the teachings of Buddha. The modern man realizes that Buddha was morally greater than Socrates, because he found a gentle and gracious humanitarianism to which the great Greek was a stranger. But if we make a swift comparison between Buddhism and Christianity we find that in the matter of ethical teaching Christ is plain, concrete, practical. Our grasp of his meaning is so instant and full that we despair of obedience without his grace and power. In the same realm Buddha is often vague, mystical, inscrutable. Again, we find that the distinguishing characteristic of Christianity is its intense joyousness: it is the religion that sings. Buddhism is a gloomy, ascetic, pessimistic religion; a religion of despair. Also does Christianity declare and manifest a personal God whose nature is love, instead of leaving the ultimate fact of the universe in unspeakable darkness and mystery, affirming plainly that it is unknown and unknowable and unspeakable. Where is there a Buddhist idol with face beaming with beneficence and mercy? They are dark-browed and ominous, as if uttering some spirit of unfriendliness or ferocity. But we have not so learned Christ in whom the Father is manifested. Then the crown of Christianity is its social character. It develops the individual to his highest and best, but that he may give himself to his brother. To heathen eyes, this grand extra of the Apostle Paul was "madness." "Yes," he replied, "but it is madness unto God," the constraining love of Jesus Christ.

No gloomy asceticism driving a disciple away from intercourse with his fellows, but an unselfish impulse putting him into all healthy, active relations with men for their good. "Prove," says John, "your love to God by your love to men." Have we then claimed too much when we say that in Christ more is given? Then what wonder when the Master says to his own, "What do ye more than others?"

Now we find that man can answer that demand. And the most striking proof of it that we can find, perhaps, is its unexpected outshining from hearts in which unselfish love has not predominated. Thank God, beautiful and touching natural goodness is not rare anywhere, though perhaps not often heralded, or even discovered by chroniclers of things. You remember the rough, drunken toiler, working in the railway cut. With only the thought of innocent men, women and children in the speeding train, he rushes up the track, seizes a great obstructing log and heaves it off, but before escape is possible, he himself is hurled into eternity. Recall the dock laborer in London during the panic. After being long out of work he gets a few days' employment; and, that he might not diminish the pittance available for his starving children, he toiled without food for three days, then when on Friday he hurried to get his pay, dropped dead in his tracks when the coin touched his outstretched hand—he had starved himself to death for others. That was his extra. Neither do we forget the girl in the telegraph office in Johnstown at the time of the awful flood. A friendly operator up the river had sent swift warning of the break of the dam, bidding her fly for her life, but instead she chose to "do more." She ticked off warning messages down the valley and saved thousands, her own cold body being found the day after whether the torrent had tossed it. She "gave her life a ransom for many." Need we ask, "Can the extra be done?" Is there no enforcement for natural goodness? Can a man do so much for himself; and must he fail, for lack of power, to bless his brother? In the heart of the eleventh commandment is the secret already illustrated. "That ye love one another, as I have loved you." The most vivid teachings and illustrations that we have of Christianity prove it to be a personal force. It never said to paralytics in apostolic times, "sit down and be convinced," but it always said "arise, and walk." John Wesley said that ten true christians would change the face of

England, but he meant ten christians with the "extra." Ten of the kind that will stampede the armies of the aliens. They are God's trumpets calling up the hosts of God to be like them. The real work of christianity through all the ages has been done by them. They were willing to be filled by the Lord. They were willing to be "chosen" for the "extra" after having responded to the first call to repentance and faith. If we fail to be such captains, let us be their soldiers, and there will be new meaning when we sing:

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ARLINGTON NEWS.

The ladies at the Unitarian fair took in over \$400.

Harold Wood became a voter on Wednesday.

The telephone call of Hose 1 is 116-6; Hose 2, 64-2; Hose 3, 64-3.

Mt Samuel H. Smith, Academy street, has gone south for a few weeks' vacation.

Mr. Angus McDonald has sold his new house on Westminster avenue to Boston parties.

St. Patrick is today being honored the world over by every son and daughter of Erin.

Mr. Thomas Butler of Park avenue is making a sojourn of two weeks in Ashville, N. Y.

The Veritas Lodge will give a whist party on Monday evening in Grand Army Hall.

The Rebekah Lodge meeting will be held on Monday evening in Odd Fellows' Hall.

Do not forget that the date of the adjourned town meeting is Monday evening, March 26.

Mrs. Howard W. Spurr and Misses Blanche and Beatrice start for Washington, D. C., today.

Mr. Rodney J. Hardy entertained in a royal way on Tuesday evening several of his family friends.

Mr. R. W. Jones of Bedford, Canada, has been the guest of his brother, Mr. B. G. Jones, the past week.

Mr. H. A. Perham was summoned last week to his home in Maine by reason of the death of his father.

The present term of our public schools will close on Friday, March 30, reopening on Monday, April 9.

That lady who well understands how to dress her neck and her hair is in possession of the art of arts.

Mrs. James P. Maloney, mother of Mrs. John Lusk, is lying critically ill at her home on Crescent Hill avenue.

Mr. George W. Sears was out Wednesday for the first time for four weeks, he having had a severe attack of the grippe and rheumatism.

We are indebted to Mr. John Lyons for those fine bunches of lettuce. Mr. Lyons is an excellent gardener, and grows the best.

The dramatic entertainment announced to be given by the Arlington Young Men's club on March 24 has been postponed to April 7.

The services at the Baptist church tomorrow: Preaching at 10:45; Sunday school at 12; and evening service at 7. A. W. Lorimer, pastor.

The Cutler school district deserves a new, commodious school building. Let the town not fail in voting an appropriation for such purpose.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church will discuss on Sunday evening the following: "Ye must be born again," John iii. 1-15.

Mr. Charles S. Cutter was the recipient of a surprise party on the anniversary of his birthday last Saturday. An elaborate supper was served.

Mrs. Kidder, Addison street, read several appropriate selections before the Woman's Christian Temperance Institute in session at Middleboro.

"Some ways into peace" will be Dr. Watson's topic at the people's service at the Baptist church tomorrow night. Time 7:15. Everybody welcome.

Chief-of-police Harriman has now such delicately-adjusted and well attested scales that, as a sealer of weights and measures, he is an infallible authority.

Mrs. Samuel E. Kimball returned home from her Texas visit on Thursday evening, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Nelson Crosby, and her husband.

At the dedication of the organ at St. Mary's Episcopal church, in Newton, a hymn by Louis F. Weston of this town will be sung. Mr. Weston is the organist.

Several members of the Arlington Boat club were present at the bowling tournament of the Newtowne club on Monday evening. New York bowlers took part in the game.

The Chautauqua Literary club will meet on Monday, March 19, with Mrs. Thayer, 6 Whittier street. Roll call Whittier. A full attendance is requested to welcome the president.

Mrs. Streeter and her daughter visited on Thursday afternoon their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Lorimer, at the Newton Theological School. Mr. Lorimer graduates from the seminary in June.

Something more than fifty members of the Ida F. Butler Rebekah Lodge were present at the Cambriaeport on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of the Olive Branch Lodge.

The school committee are to be greatly commended in closing the public schools upon the disagreeably inclement days at this season of the year. That no-school whistle is a wise and humane arrangement.

It was something of a test of one's Christian virtues to walk our streets and sidewalks yesterday morning without so much as thinking a swear word. It was slush on all sides of you and slush in front of you.

Mrs. Gertrude Springer of Arlington is a member of the Posse Gymnasium basketball team which won the championship at the Sportman's show in Boston last week by defeating the Syracuse university team.

We made the Heights again on Friday morning in a sea of slush, and in a pouring rain. The way the water came

down Park avenue and the side streets would gladden the heart of any mill owner in the land.

The paper on "Mission Work Through Christian Literature," read before the Foreign Missionary Society of the Congregational Church on Monday evening, by Miss Tolman, was especially instructive.

Miner L. H. Leavitt, the popular druggist at the corner of Mass. avenue and Mystic street, can analyze in a scientific way every prescription he puts up. In a word, Mr. Leavitt is a professionally educated pharmacist.

The Watertown High school orchestra will assist in a musical way at the district school entertainment to be given in the Congregational church on next Thursday evening. Miss Merritt of Chelsea will render several solos.

The last of the series of the symphony concerts held in Sanders Theatre, Cambridge, this season, was given on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Bullard, Mrs. Fred Hicks, the Rev. Mr. Gill and others have been regular attendees at these concerts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gray of Bartlett avenue have the heartfelt sympathy of their wide circle of friends in the death of Blanche D., their 12-year-old daughter, who died this week of quick consumption. Blanche was a beautiful child, and loved by all who knew her.

Instead of "losing our grip," many of us Arlingtonians are getting more of the article just at present than is quite agreeable. Or is there a tendency to call every sneeze and a bit of a cold the grip? We believe, however, that the genuine article is now to be found in Arlington.

Mr. J. E. Langen, the well-known hairdresser, has returned from his two weeks' outing in Maine, feeling himself again. Mr. Langen will now be found daily at his place of business, corner of Mass. avenue and Mystic street, where he will be glad to meet his many patrons.

At the Universalist church tomorrow morning the pastor will deliver the fourth sermon in the series on the denomination's new statement of belief, his topic being "The certainty of just retribution for sin." Evening service at 7 o'clock, topic "Help from without and within."

Listen, ye husbands. The Rev. Minot J. Savage, in speaking of the marriage relation, says that "no husband on the face of the earth has a right to open his wife's letters;" and then he adds: "I would as soon think of committing burglary as to break open one of my wife's letters."

The weekly calendar of the Baptist church last Sunday contained the following: "The Arlington Enterprise gives every week a full column synopsis of the pastor's evening sermon. Some who cannot attend the evening service have spoken appreciatively of this careful report of the sermon."

The committee of twenty-one on Wednesday afternoon "did the town" officially. They had a comfortable turnout in which to make their way. They examined the various public buildings, looked at the crossings of our streets, closely scanned the sewers, and so on to the end of the chapter.

The Litchfield studio is now preparing a group of the members of Hose 2 to be placed in a large frame in the parlor of the house. We congratulate the company in having this studio do their work, for it will be first-class in every respect. Those now ready are excellent, both in finish and likeness.

It would be difficult to find a town, wherever one might go, whose evenings at this season of the year are more completely taken up by way of amusements than are the evenings in Arlington. We can but think that it is unfortunate that the lyceum has so much gone out of date. Arlington should have each winter a course of firstclass lectures.

On Friday of last week the ladies of the Building Fund Association partook of a dinner in the banquet hall of the G. A. R. building. About 100 ladies were present. There were 33 tables of whist. The proceeds of the dinner and whist were to be devoted to the relief fund of the Woman's Relief Corps, and amounted to over \$50.

Mr. W. A. Hodges is now of the firm of Hodges & Coburn Manufacturing Co., dealers in patented specialties. Office: No. 1 Somerset street, cor. of Beacon street, room 25, Boston. Mr. Hodges is a business man from start to finish, as was seen by our people when he was proprietor of the Arlington news stand. The Enterprise bespeaks for Mr. Hodges in his new enterprise the success he so richly deserves.

Mr. Charles T. Bunker was one of the disputants last evening in the debate between the Boston Young Men's Christian association congress and the Union Debating club held in Union hall, Boston. The question discussed was the following: "Resolved, That partisan methods are preferable to independent action in the politics of Boston." Mr. Bunker discussed the negative side of the resolution.

The slating of the roof of St. Malachy's church is nearly completed. Work on the interior of the church has already begun. The furring is being done under the supervision of Gratto & Gamester. The plastering will be done by Augustus F. Bishop, who is already lathing. It is expected that the alterations and improvements of the church will be completed in May.

Hose 2 on Tuesday evening elected the following officers:

Captain, T. J. Donahue.
Lieutenant, Denis Ahern.
Clerk, William H. Bradley.
Treasurer, George H. Hill.

Mr. Joseph F. Burns tendered his resignation, having served two years.

Ladder 1 has elected for the ensuing year the following officers:

Captain, William H. Sweeney.
Lieutenant, J. E. Duffy.
Clerk, J. J. Murray.
Treasurer, John J. Robinson.

The senate ratified the house bill of Rep. Crosby for the taking of the old reservoir for park purposes. A good move.

We made the Heights again on Friday morning in a sea of slush, and in a pouring rain. The way the water came

The following have been elected officers of Hose 1 for the ensuing year:

Captain, Jacob Schumacher.
Lieutenant, John Axtman.
Clerk and treasurer, George Klingler.

Mrs. Fessenden, the ex-president of the Massachusetts Women's Temperance union, who spoke at the no-license rally in the Town hall on Sunday evening, March 3, sends us the following pleasant line concerning our paragraph of the meeting: "Editor of Enterprise: I extend you the right hand of fellowship. Your report was excellent, your annunciation of principle better.—Susan S. Fessenden."

We call again the attention of our readers to the advertisement in this issue of W. G. Kimball, the contractor and builder. Mr. Kimball is familiar with every part of his work, and he is thoroughly reliable. If you are to build, don't go out of town and employ foreign labor when we have contractors and builders resident with us and who spend their money here. Patronize home industries in every instance.

It is a disgrace not only to Academy street, but to the whole town of Arlington, that the old Cotting academy building is allowed to remain where it is in its present dilapidated condition. Why doesn't the owner remove it or repair it? If he will not do either, then why does not the alumni of the good old academy see that the building which gave them a place in school for so many years, is put in decent trim?

Gardner Porter, Warren Peirce, Gardner P. Bullard, Newton Foster and Delmont Tufts, boys of 10 and 12 years of age, distinguished themselves as walkists on Tuesday afternoon. Their way was the concrete path around the High school building. Six rounds make the mile—time two hours. Gardner P. Bullard made 64 rounds, or 10 2/3 miles; Newton Foster, 58, or 9 2/3 miles; Warren Peirce, 47, or 7 5/6 miles; Gardner Porter, 42, or 7 miles; Delmont Tufts, 35, or 5 5/6 miles. Boys, you are all deserving the cake. You can well afford to stand on your record, although you made the distance on a dog-trot.

The services of the First Parish (Unitarian) church tomorrow will be: In the morning at 10:45 sharp, the Rev. G. W. Cutler will preach. Monthly evening service at 7 sharp, when the Rev. Frederic Gill, the pastor of the church, will preach the first of three sermons on "Business," the special topic being "Moral aspects of business." Mrs. H. F. Martin, soprano, will sing; and Mr. Fred W. Derby, violinist, Mr. G. M. Weston, cornetist and celloist, and Mr. J. P. Weston, organist, will play the following music: For cornet and organ, "Hills of the Lord," Stearns; "Ave Maria," Schubert; for violin, cello and organ, "Reverie" (response), Fanconier; "Largo," Jensen. The public are cordially invited to these services.

Messrs. E. S. Farmer, John Lyons, D. L. Tappan, Frank and Roland Puffer, M. J. Gallagher, Charles Wyman, Geo. Hill, Herbert Cox, Joseph Butterfield, Walter and Charles Crosby, Edward F. Skahan and Representative J. Howell Crosby attended the surprise given Mr. Elisha N. Peirce at his home in Waverley on Tuesday evening. Col. Benton of that town presented Mr. Peirce with a new maple floor has been laid this week in A. A. Tilden's drug store and adds greatly to the appearance of the same.

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Hard buffeting with adverse wind and stream.

But in the day of conflict, fear and grief,
When the strong hand of God, put forth in might,

Plows up the subsoil of the stagnant heart—
And brings the imprisoned truth seed to the light,

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday, March 18, third Sunday in Lent.

The Rev. James Yeames will preach on "A call to confirmation" tomorrow morning.

Early celebration of the holy communion (and on each Sunday in Lent, except April 1) at St. John's tomorrow morning at 7:30.

The ladies of St. John's parish meet as missionary sewing circle at the parish house, Maple street, every Friday afternoon in Lent.

The Rev. Edward Abbott, D. D., of St. James's, Cambridge, is the preacher at the Lenten service in St. John's on Tuesday evening next. Service at 7:45. All are invited.

The Right Rev. William Lawrence, bishop of Massachusetts, will make his visitation of St. John's parish, Arlington, on the evening of Sunday, May 27, and administer the sacred rite of confirmation.

The rector is giving a course of lectures on "The Apostles' Creed" at the church on Sunday evenings. The subject tomorrow is, "And in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord." Evening prayer at 7:30.

Children's Lenten service every Friday afternoon at 4:15. The addresses are on "The soldier of the cross"—Enlisted, Armed, Drill, Active Service, Enemies, Victories, Rewards. The address next Friday will be on "Active Service."

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